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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. <b>10/076,346</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Takano et al.</b>
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<b>Status</b> <p>1) <input type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____</p> <p>2a) <input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL.      2b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final.</p> <p>3) <input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i>, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.</p>		
<b>Disposition of Claims</b> <p>4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-6</u> is/are pending in the application.</p> <p>4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.</p> <p>5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1</u> is/are allowed.</p> <p>6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>3 and 4</u> is/are rejected.</p> <p>7) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>2, 5, and 6</u> is/are objected to.</p> <p>8) <input type="checkbox"/> Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.</p>		
<b>Application Papers</b> <p>9) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner.</p> <p>10) <input type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) <input type="checkbox"/> accepted or b) <input type="checkbox"/> objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).</p> <p>11) <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) <input type="checkbox"/> approved b) <input type="checkbox"/> disapproved by the Examiner. If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.</p> <p>12) <input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.</p>		
<b>Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120</b> <p>13) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</p> <p>a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All b) <input type="checkbox"/> Some* c) <input type="checkbox"/> None of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> </ol> <p>*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</p>		
<p>14) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).</p> <p>a) <input type="checkbox"/> The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.</p> <p>15) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.</p>		
<b>Attachment(s)</b> <p>1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</p> <p>2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</p> <p>3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). <u>3</u></p> <p>4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____</p> <p>5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</p> <p>6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>		

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Priority*

✓ 1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

### *Specification*

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

✓ On page 2, line 7, "a" should be "an".

✓ On page 3, line 2, "are" should be inserted before "assembled". Also on line 25, "preferably" should be "preferable".

✓ On page 5, line 11, "Figs. 2, 4," should be "Figs. 2 and 4".

✓ On page 7, line 25, the phrase "(not shown)" at the end of the sentence should perhaps be inserted instead after "bolts".

✓ On page 8, lines 5-6, the phrase "(not shown)" at the end of the sentence on line 6 should perhaps instead be inserted after "bolts" on line 5. Also on line 10, "the" or "an" should be inserted before "assembling".

✓ On page 10, line 21, "at an outside" should perhaps be "at a location outside".

✓ On page 11, line 1, "each other" should perhaps be "each component".

Appropriate correction is required.

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✓ 3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because on line 2, "in such a manner as" should perhaps be deleted. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b). ?

#### *Claim Objections*

✓ 4. Claims 2 and 5 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 2, on line 3, "vertically wall" should be "vertical wall".

In claim 5, on line 2, "steps of;" should be "steps of:".

Appropriate correction is required.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

✓ Claims 3 and 4 both recite the limitation "the toe board side" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

#### *Allowable Subject Matter*

7. Claim 1 is allowed.

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8. Claims 2 and 5<sup>6</sup> are objected to as containing minor informalities, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome these informalities.
9. Claims 3-4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

### *Conclusion*

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited references show other blower unit mounting structures similar to that of the current invention.
11. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Hilary L. Gutman whose telephone number is (703) 305-0496.

**12. Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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